

Probably no surer indication of faith in impending improvement in our colonial condition could be manifested than the increasing eagerness with which agricultural lands are being sought for. Time was when advertisements of farms for sale attracted little attention. As evidence of the change which has recently taken place in this respect, it might be mentioned that, in response to an advertisement which appeared in this journal on Thursday morning, of a farm for sale, five applications were made before night. Nor is it alone for improved farms that an increasing demand is observable. The increasing applications made at the Lands Department import a still greater demand for Crown Lands; and it affords us no little pleasure to be able to say, in this connection, that increasing facilities are being extended to those in search of land, by the Department. As the most important public Department in the colony, that of the Lands and Works is still far from coming up to the just expectations of the people, or the exigencies of the country. As a public bureau, in which the intending settler may speedily obtain a panoramic view, so to speak, of the country, a knowledge of lands already taken up, and of lands still open to pre-emption or purchase, of the varying soils and advantages of the different localities, or regarded as affording means of directing and assisting in the search for and settlement upon lands, it must, we fear, still be admitted that there exists a wide margin for improvement. But, for the cause of all this one must look chiefly to the execrable system of Government under which this Colony has suffered so much—a system under which it would, indeed, be strange if any colony could possibly be either prosperous or contented. It is not our present object, however, to point out the faults visible in existing political institutions, but rather to indulge for a little in the more agreeable contemplation of impending colonial wellbeing. It would, indeed, be strange if the immediate prospect of Confederation upon the highly favorable Terms already before the country, did not yet elicit an increased demand for agricultural land. The most superficial thinker cannot fail to see that an enormous expansion of supply and demand, production and consumption, must be the immediate consequence of Union upon the Terms proposed. The influx of population and capital must make the Colony bound onward and upward as few colonies have done; for it will not fail to be remarked that the change will be greatly more perceptible and felt from the circumstances of the Colony having reached so low an ebb. To the larger and more prosperous colonies the sudden inflow of a few thousands of population, and the inauguration of public works involving an expenditure of several millions of dollars a year might be less perceptible. But, in the case of British Columbia, it means a complete revolution, which must make itself felt in every in earnest and thoroughgoing way. The eager search after farming lands, therefore, taken place now so soon, and he would be a foolish man who would hesitate now about securing a homestead; for, not only will every foot of arable land within convenient reach of the great markets about to be suddenly created be in requisition for supplying the increased demand, but such lands will not fail to command high prices at the hands of those who are certain to come into the colony with capital. While, therefore, it would appear to be the duty of the Government to discountenance the looking up of public lands in the grasp of speculators, it must be regarded as one of its most urgent and important duties to facilitate and encourage, in every legitimate way, the acquisition of homesteads by those who will turn the land to proper use, and thereby promote that condition of things which will render, in the highest degree, the large influx of population and capital subsidiary to the permanent prosperity of the country. The present duty would appear to be to make the most ample provision for meeting, from our own soil, the great demand certain suddenly to spring up under the new condition of things.

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The Mainland Telegraph.
The work of reconstructing the mainland telegraph has been completed as far as Soda Creek, and it only remains for the Executive Government to authorize the efficient Superintendent to organize his staff of Operators. It is matter of regret that the prevalence of forest fires and, we may perhaps add, the stringency of the Colonial Exchequer should have rendered the work of reconstruction somewhat less speedy than could have been wished. Yet the work of reconstructing and maintaining the telegraphic system of the colony must not be regarded as a purely local or colonial one. It will doubtless be within the recollection of the reader that those who, in the Legislative Council, urged the Government to assume the responsibility of preserving the telegraphic system of the Mainland, rested their case chiefly upon the broader ground that, under Confederation, the telegraph would become more necessary, would, in fact, form a link in the transcontinental line to be maintained by the Dominion Government.

New Advertisements.
THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, VICTORIA.
WILL BE HELD (BY) AT ST. NICHOLAS Hall, Government street, on THURSDAY the 8th of December.
Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m.
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Municipal Council.

Tuesday, Nov 29, 1870.

Council met at 7:30 p.m. His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Present—Councillors Russell, Carey, McMillan and Heathorn. A communication from the Colonial Secretary calling the attention of the Council to the existence of small pox in Oregon and the adjoining Territory, and asking them to take precautionary steps to prevent its introduction in this city.

His Worship informed the Council that he had, after an interview with the Governor, appointed Dr Mathews (a medical doctor) to examine any vessel coming into the harbor. The appointment was merely a temporary one, to be confirmed by the Board of Health.

On motion the act of the Mayor was approved. A communication from J B Mathews applying for the position of Health Officer for the city.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of making immediate arrangements to meet the contagion.

Councillor McMillan said he did not think from what information he had obtained from the Oregon and Washington Territory press, that small pox was at all prevalent in those sections. He had heard of but one case in Salem. He thought it probable that the communication of the Governor was based upon mere rumor.

Councillor Carey thought in quite possible the Governor had some positive information relative to the matter, otherwise he would not have addressed the Council.

Councillor Carey moved that Dr Mathews be appointed Health Officer, and that the sum of \$5 per day be recommended as payment for his services.

Councillor McMillan moved in amendment that a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the matter and report at the next meeting of the Council or at a special meeting to be called if necessary.

Councillor Heathorn seconded, and the amendment was carried. The committee were also empowered to draft regulations and bylaws specifying the duties of officers and servants that may be employed by the Board of Health.

Councillors McKay, McMillan and Carey were appointed a committee.

The Committee rose and the Council resumed. The following accounts were received and referred to the Finance Committee: one paid if found correct—From Mr Jeffrey, \$9; from the proprietor of the British Colonist, \$25 50.

A cash statement of the Pound for the last Municipal year was read. The expenditure was \$851 24; the receipts, \$705 75 for Pound fees and \$256 for earnings of the Poundkeeper on the roads—showing the net profits of the Pound to be \$111 00.

Councillor Carey moved that Joseph Dewson be appointed Poundkeeper. Carried.

Councillor Russell moved that feed be supplied for all animals impounded. Carried.

Councillor Heathorn moved that the Poundkeeper be paid \$50 per month and that he be at the disposal of the Street Committee, as last year. Carried.

Councillor McMillan called the attention of the Street Committee to the filthy condition of Johnson street.

Councillor Carey moved that Arthur Strong be employed for one week at \$5, to clean the gutters. Carried.

On motion of Councillor Carey, the Auditors are to be paid \$25 each for auditing the city accounts.

Council adjourned.

FRANK RICHARDS' BENEFIT.—Theatre Royal was crowded from pit to dome last evening by a large and appreciative audience, which had assembled to give a solid evidence of regard for a most worthy citizen—Mr Frank Richards. The Fire Department—of which body Mr Richards is Assistant Engineer—appeared in full uniform, and the appearance of bright red shirts here and there among the more quiet colors worn by the remainder of the audience, was a very pretty and pleasing sight. The programme was interesting—the Alhambra Troupe being assisted by the Misses Pixley, Mr Melville, Mr Ward and Mr Dennis. As a duet by Mr Foster and the beneficiary 'Napoleon's Grave' was selected—the rich tenor of Mr Foster blending delightfully with the deep bass of Mr Richards. An encore being demanded, Mr Richards sang 'Home Again' very effectively. Charley Rhoades' banjo solo and '49' gave such immense satisfaction that he was called out four times. The Misses Pixley sang charmingly, and Minnie's dance was pretty and chaste. Mr Ward, with comic songs, came also in for an enthusiastic encore, and Mr Campbell's breakdown threw the audience into convulsions of laughter. Mr Melville appeared in cork for the first time and won a great laurel. 'Silver on her heels' was given by Sue Lee, and Mr Arnold did Uncle Joe in character with good effect. 'Oh Hush' is a splendid afterpiece. The performance concluded with the 'Shoo Fly Festival', and the curtain was rung down amidst a tempest of applause. Mr Richards may well feel proud of the handsome compliment paid him by his fellowcitizens.

ST ANDREW'S DAY.—This being the anniversary of the birth of Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland, will be celebrated by Scotia's Sons with a dinner at the Oriental Restaurant. The bill-of-fare will include the renowned Naggish, made by one of Scotia's daughters. Dinner will be served at 7 1/2 o'clock.

EVER ON THE ALERT.—Prominent Republicans are urging upon President Grant the advisability of adopting a determined policy on the Alabama claims question, now that Great Britain is threatened with another war. Chivalrous.

THE U. S. R. C. Lincoln, Capt Scammon, arrived from Puget Sound yesterday. She will coal here and will remain in port two days.

QUEBEC.—The Provincial Government of Quebec has appropriated \$278,000 towards the promotion of immigration and colonization.

The Spiritual Telegraph at Fault—Lying Spirits Controlling the Wires!!

Late in June last, a spiritual communication of a very extraordinary character was received at a seance in this city. It purported to come from an estimable young man named M—, whose parents reside here, and who himself was instructed in the 'art preservative of arts' at the Colonist Office. The room wherein the circle had been formed contained about a dozen ladies and gentlemen, some being believers and others skeptics in the new faith. The

MEDIUM WAS A WRITING ONE. The table upon which the communication was received was an ordinary mahogany one. Several communications had been received from persons who had lately 'gone over to the other side of the river' (as Todd terms dying), and there was a momentary lull. The medium seemed exhausted and

LEANED HIS HEAD ON HIS ARMS and his arms on the table as if to rest. The circle gathered around and discussed in whispers the information they had just received from the 'other side,' when suddenly the medium stretched forth his right hand, seized a leadpencil and commenced to write. His hand glided rapidly across a sheet of paper—so rapidly that, under ordinary circumstances, an unintelligible scribble would have resulted. Soon the pencil drew from the medium's hands and his head again sank upon his arms. The

COMPANY LOOKED OVER HIS SHOULDER and there beheld the following message from space:

"M. M—, I DIED LAST NIGHT AT OAKLANDS."

Consternation and alarm seized upon the circle. Relatives of the alleged dead man were present, and efforts were at once made to test the truth of the message. The Skeptics and scoffers felt their unbelief and their knees shaking at the same time. Various questions were addressed to the spirit, but the invariable answer was as above. Oakland was taken to mean Oakland, opposite San Francisco. To that place a telegram was dispatched over the maternal wires on the following day. The answer came from a friend that the young man had started East about the 1st of the month on an excursion train and that he could not have died in California. On the following night the

SPIRIT WAS AGAIN CONSULTED.

It stuck to its original communication. When asked in what State the death had occurred, the answer came—'You'll know by the next steamer.' The next steamer brought no letter, and the spirit excused itself for the inaccuracy by advising its consultants to

LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT ARRIVAL.

The next, and the next boat came and went, but brought no tidings from or of the young man—alive or dead. His friends were in despair. The spirit would tell no more. Every effort was made to ascertain the facts of his death from subliminary sources; but all failed, until Monday evening, when by the Overland Mail a letter was received in a

WELL-KNOWN HANDWRITING.

Quickly it was torn open and perused. It was from the supposed deceased M. It had been written at New York City about three weeks previously. The writer—who had remained in blissful ignorance of the report of his death—announced that he was in the enjoyment of excellent health and spirits and engaged in a profitable business. If he be really dead it is evident from the tone of the letter that he has not yet been made acquainted with the fact.

SPIRITUALISM IS AT FAULT.

The gentleman from the 'other side of the river' had been romancing. He had caused a great deal of mental anguish and suffering to an estimable family and may be truly, as we now hear he is, classed among the

LYING SPIRITS.

H. M. S. Zealous at Panama—Murder of the Alcalde of Taboga by Liberty Men.

II M S Zealous, Capt Hume, flagship of Rear-Admiral Farquhar, arrived at Panama from San Francisco on the 19th Oct. She reported all well on board, one death only occurred from dropsy. She brought \$180,000 in specie. The Zealous left San Francisco on the 14th September. On the Sunday following her arrival a disturbance took place at Taboga between some of the liberty men and the Zealous. During the affray six men were injured, two of them dangerously, from contused wounds by stones on the head. Unfortunately, the Alcalde, who came to the spot to endeavour to quell the disturbance, got also struck on the head by some of the missiles flying about. The Surgeon of the Zealous landed immediately and gave to the Alcalde all the assistance possible, but notwithstanding, he died the same night at half-past nine, some few hours after the affray. As soon as the disturbance was noticed from the ship, the boats with the ship's police were despatched to bring the men off and prevent further mischief on their part. The greatest regret is felt on board by the Admiral and all the Officers at the unfortunate fate of the Alcalde and of course, after a searching examination into the causes, they will do all that can be done for the sufferers by it.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT SEATTLE.—The Intelligencer gives an account of the services held on Thanksgiving Day, at that town. The discourse was delivered by the Rev Mr Damon, and says our contemporary, 'Near the reverend gentleman, and in full view of the audience, was a very tastefully arranged upon the stand a fine display of flowers, fruits and vegetable productions gathered on that day from the gardens of the city, consisting of a variety of roses, violets, daisies, hollyhocks, chrysanthemum, nasturtium, blue bell, gillyflower, snap dragon, hollyhock, marigold, princess feather, mullen pink, new oats, white and red clover, ragged robin, green beans, new potatoes, green peas, ripe tomatoes, ripe blackberries and in blossom, green corn, pear and apple blossoms, and young grapes (second crop) to which he alluded, by way of supplement to his discourse, in a most pleasing manner, referring as he did to these extraordinary evidences of our genial climate and productive soil.' It would, indeed, appear to be fitting that the inhabitants should rejoice and give thanks for such a country and such a climate.

SENTINEL.—John McTeigh, who was a month ago convicted of stealing a silver-plated pickle stand, and was remanded 30 days for sentence, was yesterday sentenced to 24 hours imprisonment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—The Board met last evening and resolved that in future the proceedings shall be public.

DEPARTURES.—H M gunboat Boxer for San Juan; the H B Co's steamer Enterprise for the Fraser; the steamers Olympia and Isabel for Puget Sound; and the Government steamer Sir James Douglas for Nanaimo, sailed yesterday morning.

TWO LADY, respectively connected, departed clandestinely on a Puget Sound steamer yesterday, leaving their parents quite disconsolate at the waywardness of their offspring.

MANITOBA.—The news from the Province of Manitoba is of the most encouraging character. Old asperities and party feuds are dying out and the new Government is being quietly and successfully organized. All accounts ascribe this happy condition to the wise and conciliatory, but firm policy of Governor Archibald.

HIMSELF AGAIN.—We are rejoiced to learn from recent Canadian exchanges that Sir John A Macdonald is completely himself again, attending to the public business at his office, every day.

DRUNK.—A single case of inebriety was before the Police Court yesterday, for which the offender paid the sum of five shillings and retired from the Court.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov 28.—This evening Isaac Brokaw and Robt Evans—better known as White-headed Bob—met on Bush street just above Montgomery, and Brokaw, drawing and leveling an army size Colt's revolver, shot Bob through both thighs, the ball lodging against the skin of the left thigh, whence it was extracted by Dr Mauer. The ball had not broken the bones and it was at first thought the wound would not prove fatal, but at 6:30 Bob expired from hemorrhage, the main artery having been severed. It is said the difficulty was on account of Bob's alleged intimacy with Brokaw's wife. The assassin was immediately arrested. He was considerably under the influence of liquor. Both parties have been known as sports. Bob was from New York, and was generally known as remarkably peaceable and well behaved for his class.

The steamer Sacramento from Panama arrived this evening. She brings but \$15,800 in treasure. Julian and Clement hotel-proprietors at Panama, who were charged with setting fire to their premises and causing the great fire of six months since, have been tried and acquitted.

The President of Colombia demands \$5000 damages from the British Government for the murder of the Alcalde in the riots of Taboga. The commander of the Zealous rejected the claim to the Home Government, and sailed for Chili.

Raynor, 1st officer of the bark Fanny, and Geo Hewitt, 2d officer of the bark Howland were held today for trial charged with beating and wounding sailors.

H Goodman, broker, was arrested today for selling the Marysville lottery tickets. He was allowed out on his own bail. There is no probability of his being indicted as able counsel gives opinion the Mercantile Library Lottery Act repealed the penalty against all lotteries and left the Courts no power to discriminate and his opinion is held by at least one of our judges.

The City Savings Loan and Discount Bank has been ordered to show cause why it should not be declared insolvent in the U. S. Bankruptcy Court.

Another fatal shooting affray is reported as having just occurred in Montgomery street near Bush.

The Montgomery street affray turns out to be only a fight between two Railroad Agents. Both considerably punished.

A fight also took place in the Supervisors' saloon, corner of Kearney and Merchants streets, in which several men were badly beaten. Cause, politics.

Business in the city has slightly improved. SAN DIEGO, Nov 28.—Reports from San Rafael Valley are favorable. Over 600 miners, chiefly Mexicans, have located and are working claims. Laws are being enacted to protect the property in claims. Desperadoes who have sought refuge in that neighborhood are being ferreted out and driven away or else dealt with on the spot.

Utah.

CORINNE, Nov 28.—The following advices from Pioche and Parrisa, Nov 23d, have been received at Salt Lake. There has been quite an excitement here for the past few days regarding the boundary line between Utah and Nevada. The Government surveying party places Pioche and Parrisa about 3 miles in Utah from the State line. If Pioche is in Utah Fitch is elected Congressman from Nevada, as that place gave Kendall a majority of 180 over Fitch which decided the result of the election in favor of Worcester. Much excitement exists about the districts of Smoky Valley and Pioche.

Arizona.

LOS ANGELES, Nov 28.—Latest returns from Arizona give Bradley, Democratic candidate for Delegate to Congress, a majority over McCormick on the legal vote of the Territory. Over 800 fraudulent votes for McCormick have been discovered. Gov Safford, the Territorial Secretary, the Surveyor General and other officials are implicated in the fraud. Klusker reports that he has found the desert ship 45 miles southwest of Dos Palmas station in the Cabasore desert. He says the vessel is 200 logs, and that her bowsprit and stem are above the sand. Klusker returns to-day to the ship to take possession and examine her.

STORM IN NEWFOUNDLAND.—The month of September appears to have been an unusually stormy one, and the little province of Newfoundland must have dropped in for rather more than its share of Boreal disaster. It is stated that £7000 will not repair damages on roads and bridges, while in some instances settlers had their all swept away. The St John's Chronicle says: 'Houses, stages, flukes, gardens, boats and stores were swept away in the presence of their owners who were powerless to prevent the destruction. In many localities, as in Bonavista, Bay-de-Verde and places to the westward, thought was given to the saving of life rather than the saving of property.'

The receipts of the Canada Central and Brockville and Ottawa Railways last month were \$23 163. The receipts of the St Lawrence and Ottawa Railway for September show a gratifying increase over the corresponding period of 1869. Last year they amounted to \$9,560—this year to \$13,589.

Dominion Mail Summary.

An address of the Nova Scotia Legislature, passed on the 16th April, reached the Colonial Minister on the 21st September. The address enquires whether Her Majesty would acquiesce in the separation of the Dominion from the Crown, or in the independence of one of the confederated provinces thereof. Earl Kimberley makes no delay in replying. 'Her Majesty,' he says, 'does not believe the people of Canada desire to sever themselves from her rule, and her advisers, therefore, decline to discuss the question as to what might happen if circumstances were altered.' Whilst the disinclination of the British Government to coerce the Colonists by force into maintaining a connection with the Empire is well understood, the Earl reminds the Nova Scotians that the Queen has no legal power to dismember the Dominion of Canada and would moreover view with regret any effort to disturb the Union. Finally the dispatch expresses the satisfaction of the Queen with Nova Scotia, an loyalty and her Majesty's confidence that the province will enjoy its full share of good fortune in a great and prosperous community, and exercise the influence due to the vigor of its inhabitants and the important maritime position of its territory.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for the month ending Oct 31st, 1870: Revenue Customs \$1,200 259, Excise \$417,662, Postoffice \$57,328, Public Works, including railways \$121,533, Bill Stamps \$19,317, Miscellaneous \$67,269. Total \$1,883,361. Expenditure \$1,449,956.

Negotiations are in progress to establish a Bank at Manitoba by the 1st of January in the Government interest. It is believed the agency will be offered to the Bank of Montreal.

The Manitoba Gazette contains the following announcement: 'His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint Frank Villiers, Esq, to be Chief of Police of this Province, and Louis De Plaisance, Esq, to be Deputy Chief.' The same number contains the nomination of thirty residents of the Province as Justices of the Peace.

Two hundred and fifty Papal Zouaves from Rome have returned to Canada.

The Quebec Legislature is in session, having been opened on the 2d inst. The chief measures alluded to in the opening speech are the preparation of a Municipal Code, Immigration and Colonization. The disagreement between the Dominion Arbitrators and the retirement of the one appointed for Quebec, is referred to, and a protest is entered against the proceedings of the other two. His Excellency was enabled to inform his faithful commons that the balance in the Provincial Treasury had been considerably augmented during the year, notwithstanding the large outlay for Public Works.

The French Cathedral, Quebec, was the scene of an imposing marriage ceremony, Lieut. William Ronald Donald Scott Glendonwyn, 69th Regiment, having been united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Marie Catharine Henrietta Adeline Chanvau, third daughter of the Premier of Quebec.

Physiological Revelations of the War

The London Spectator is of the opinion there is an idea rapidly gaining ground among our own people, in Germany and in America, which ought to be discussed. Is it not possible, ask grave men, astonished at the events of the war, that France is something more than defeated—that she is in decadence, that her history is over and that she will never revive? The question though only uttered in Germany is whispered in a great many households in England, and is well worth a serious discussion. If France is to come to be, the history of the human race is modified forever and the world has lost one of its first advantages—the existence in Europe of an effective and propagandist intellect radically different from the Teuton. Not only the dominion of the world, though that is much, but the dominion of the thoughts of the world, will have passed to a single branch of the human race, for the Anglo-Saxon is but the Teuton modified by centuries of freedom. This may be the best as it is clearly the strongest, branch of the human stock, but still a branch with no right and no capacity to supersede humanity. Prima facie, many events of the war justify those who apprehend so frightful a calamity. Fighting power in a race is an essential form if the race is to keep its independence, and France appears to superficial observers to have lost its fighting power. We all, friends and enemies alike, ask with General Blumenthal, in simple amazement what change has come over the French? Why do they run away? The hussars whom at one place—Metz—fight to the death everywhere else run, or capitulate or mutiny, or do something or other for which explanation seems as difficult as apology. The citizens in many places gave themselves up on mere rumors of a German advance. The departments seemed utterly unable to organize anything not only an army but a regiment, a company, anything of any value for defence. No leaders it is said turn up even in civil matters and not only no leaders but no policies—nothing even like the vague but triumphant thought expressed in Lincoln's rude formula 'We must keep pegging away.' Vast regions full of men and wealth and spirit are apparently inert, doing nothing, while in the occupied districts Frenchmen seem cowed to such a point that they dare not even assemble to cut a railway. What can it all mean if it be not that France is in decay, that the attack has not made ruin but only revealed?

A new description of parachute shell by means of which a very considerable extent of country can be effectively lighted up to enable the operations of troops at night to become discernible, was tried at Chatham recently under very satisfactory conditions on a dark night. Three of the shells were fired to a great height from one of the siege guns planted within Prince Henry's bastion; when at an altitude of 600 feet they exploded, and a parachute descended, from which was suspended a vessel containing a magnesium light of great brilliancy, which lighted up the whole extent of Chatham lines, the bodies of troops scattered about which were plainly discernible from all parts of the garrison.

A. GILMORE, MERCHANT TAILOR, and General Outfitter, has removed his place of business to the store adjoining the Colonial Hotel and opposite the Colonist Office, on Government street, fourth door from Yates, where he proposes to give his old friends and new customers a chance on the principle of quick sales and small profits.

THE SIGN OF PARIS.—Among the last goods that left Paris before the Prussians finally closed the city, was a large case of Alexandre's kid gloves. This case arrived at London House yesterday, via Southampton and Panama, and contains a full assortment of all the new colors.

A LADY'S ENDORSEMENT!

Madame E—, the acknowledged leader of the most refined and fashionable society in the city of New York, speaks of Murray & Lanman's Florida Water in the following highly complimentary manner, viz: 'It has a fragrance as fresh as the odor from blooming flowers, and imparts to the bath a delightful buoyancy. I use it on the toilet table and the handkerchief, to the exclusion of all other perfumes.' 'Buyers should always ask for the Florida Water prepared by Lanman & Kemp, New York.'

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'My scald head, or better, about which I wrote you before, is all gone. Five bottles of Bristol's Sarsaparilla cured me.'—E. FORNES, San Jose. 'Your Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills have cured me of Salt Rheum that I had suffered with for seven years.'—R. JOHNSON, Mariposa. 'I really believe that Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills have been the means of saving my life.'—T. J. EDWARDS, Stockton.

BOARD AND LODGING.—Gentlemen can be accommodated with or without Board and Lodging, with the comforts of an English home at a private residence. Address, Mrs Buspell, Kane street, next door to Dr Bellamy's private residence.

REMEMBER THE FATE OF ABALOM.—Fred Payne, Tonsorial Artist. Shaving 12 1/2 cents Hair Cutting 25 cents, Shampooing 25 cents That Original Cheap Shaving Shop stand on the sunny side of Johnson street.

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NOVELTIES.—A beautiful assortment of the latest millinery, mantles, feathers, lace and fancy goods received at London House today.

TO ARRIVE.—Invoices have been received this morn at London House of a large and beautiful assortment of fancy goods to arrive next mail for Christmas and New Year.

FELL'S COFFEE, superior to any other brand manufactured on the Coast, may be obtained of all respectable dealers throughout the Colony.

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CLOTHING—Beaver and Tweed Trousers, Beaver and Witney Jackets, Black Cloth Suits.

SUNDRIES—Willow Ware, Wall Paper, Tinware, Children's Carriages, Door Mats, Bird Cages, Looking Glasses, Carpenters' Tools, Window Glass, Window Blinds, Flat Irons, Fenders and Fire Irons, Anvils, Door Scrapers, Store Scrub, Bannister and Cloth Brushes, Playing Cards, Canees, Engravings, &c.

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BAKING—Large and small

BEANS—In bags and boxes

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Sugar, Tea, Candles, Soap, Washing Powder, Yeast Powder, Lobsters, Oysters, Pickles, Starch, Fry's and Taylor's Chocolate, sardines, Honey, Peaches, Tomatoes, Blacking, Serratus, Ono, Paper, Paper Bags, Buckets, Tubs, Brooming, Whole Pepper, Mustard, Blacking, Stove Polish, Cheese—Eastern and California, &c, &c.

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Wheat, Oats, Indian Corn, Maltlings, Bran, Peas and Oil Cake Meal

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